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Second Semester Rushing Is Adopted By Fraternities

Fraternity rushing at Middlebury will take place during the second semester of the academic year 1956-57, according to Ronald Lawson '56, president of the Interfraternity Council. The College's fraternities voted, eight to two, in favor of a deferred program last Monday night.

The concrete program for enactment of second semester rushing will be established next spring. The officers of the IFC will change next month at the council's annual January elections.

The College and the undergraduate assemblies, in conjunction with the IFC and Panhellanic Council, will undoubtedly establish an extensive first-semester social program for freshmen next year, Lawson said.

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28 Are Named To Wig And Pen

Wig and Pen, Middlebury's honorary drama society, initiated 28 members Wednesday, December 14. according to an announcement made by George Tuttle '56, president.

New members include Gary Lott '56, Clark McCutcheon '56, Robert Morris '56, Tommy Papke '56, Phillips Terhune '56, Walter Thomsen '56, Edward Whitcomb '56, Carolyn Breaks '56, Sylvia Cosman '56, Joy Thompson '56, Bradford Littlefield '57, Edward Rudd '57, Dann Sargent '57, Mary Evelyn La Pierre '57, Susan Tisdell '57, Carol Van Duyn '57, Roger Celler '58, Anthony Homet '58, Peter Honegger '58, Robert MacGowan '58, Joseph Mohbat '58, Barbara Bang '58, Virginia Davis 58, Judith Hall '58, Carolyn Mears '58, Linda Schutt '58, Joanna Taft '58, and Deborah West '58.

Election to the organization is based on a point system requiring work in a major field of drama and experience in several other areas.

Following the initiation ceremony, the initiates participated in five skits for the entertainment of the group.

Houghton Elected To Head Seniors

William Houghton '56 has been elected president of the men's senior class, according to an announcement made by Wayne Reilly '57, chairman of the elections committee of the Men's Assembly. Houghton will probably be the last Middlebury man to hold this office. Next year's senior class will be governed on the class council system.

Others elected to senior class posts are Cyrus Anfindsen '56, vice-president; Channing Murdock '56, secretary; and Edward MacDowell '56, treasurer.

The elections, directed by the MUA, were run off on two votes this year. The first vote, which was distributed in the fraternities by house MUA representatives and mailed to all neutral senior men, was an open ballot on which every voter could place any person he wished for any of the four offices.

The twelve highest names on this ballot were taken for each office and placed on the second ballot, which was again distributed to the senior men. Reilly stated that more than 70 percent of these second ballots were returned.

Middlebury Receives $444,200 Grant From Ford Foundation

Members of the 1956 Winter Carnival court include, left to right, men: Edward MacDowell, Channing Murdock, Cyrus Anfindsen, Ronald Lawson, Ronald O'Keefe, Gardiner Barnum. Women: Florence Hildreth, Jane Hoge, Jeanne Hauselmann, Barbara Bennett, Ann Case, and Linda Donk.

Six Men, Six Women From Senior Class Elected To Court Of 25th Winter Carnival

Twelve seniors elected to the 1956 Winter Carnival court were announced this week by Gardiner Barnum '56, and Linda Donk '56, co-chairmen of carnival. The twelve were elected by all four classes in a ballot held in an assembly last month.

Members of the court are Cyrus Anfindsen, Gardiner Barnum, Ronald Lawson, Edward MacDowell, Channing Murdock, and Ronald O'Keefe for the men, and Barbara Bennett, Ann Case, Linda Donk, Jeanne Hauselmann, Florence Hildreth, and Jane Hoge for the women.

King and queen of the carnival will be elected from this court by an all-campus election at the beginning of next semester. The winners will be crowned in a ceremony at Carnival Ball, February 17, the Friday night of Carnival.

Anfindsen is the recipient of the Dutton Fellowship. He has played varsity basketball and baseball for three years and is a member of both Blue Key and Waubanakee. Freshman year he received the Blue Key trophy, and he was president of his class sophomore and junior years. He is a member of Delta Upsilon.

Co-chairman of this year's carnival and a member of Skyline, Barnum also manages the varsity basketball team. He is a member of DKE.

Lawson is this year's president of IFC and a member of Alpha Tau Omega. He belongs to Blue Key, is a student adviser, and a proctor

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Student Christmas Parties Are Set For Town Children

The Interfraternity Council is sponsoring its annual fraternity Christmas parties for needy children in the town of Middlebury tomorrow afternoon, according to Robert Telfer '57, chairman of the IFC program. The fraternities will entertain more than 100 children of grammar school age tomorrow afternoon.

Each house will provide transportation for 10 to 15 children, and parties will feature student Santa Clauses who will distribute presents of clothing and toys to each small guest. The local schools cooperate with the IFC by compiling lists of each child's needs and sizes.

This year, for the first time, two fraternities, Kappa Delta Rho and Theta Chi, have invited Sigma Kappa and Pi Beta Phi sororities to help them in the shopping, decorating and wrapping essential to these parties. Sigma Kappa and Alpha Tau Omega, whose joint philanthropy is the Caverly Preventorium in Pittsford, gave their annual party for the patients there on Saturday, Dec. 10.

Women's Forum entertained 120 children who participate in its classes at Christmas parties during the week, Margaret Houk, Forum vice-president, stated. David Sandstrom '56 played Santa Claus at all these parties. On Tuesday and Wednesday more than 30 grammar and nursery school children in the ballet classes had their parties at the Community House and performed for their mothers. This afternoon, 50 members of two arts and crafts classes and the story and games class were entertained by Christmas movies

The Women's Forum is also contributing toys for 50 children in Ripton who will have their party on Dec. 22. Many of these toys were repaired by the Forum Christmas Toy Repair Committee, headed by Elizabeth Mathewson '57.

10 Topics Listed By Student Life

The first fall meeting of the Student Life Committee was held last Wednesday, Dec. 7. The committee listed on its agenda ten problems relating to student affairs for discussion by the student-faculty-administration group.

The committee has general charge of student organizations and functions. Constitutions and social calendars are subject to its approval.

Among the topics discussed by the committee last week were the reasons for the tuition increase of $25, the status of construction of the projected new drama center, the food situation in the freshman and Atwater Club dining halls, and the status of fraternity rushing. The necessity of maintaining the rule in the student handbook which makes it mandatory for a student to obtain the permission of the dean of men to get married was also discussed. The problem of daily news notices deliveries to fraternity houses was brought up, and problems accompanying the new parking regulations were discussed. Student proposals included the possibility of having police direct Saturday night traffic and the installation of better lighting facilities. The group also decided to hold regular monthly meetings.

Recess Schedule Set Dec. 17-Jan. 3

Special busses to New York City and Boston will be provided by the Vermont Transit Bus lines on Saturday, December 17, if there is sufficient student demand for the service. Classes will end at 12 noon and the busses will leave from behind the Student Union at 12:30.

Regular bus service will also be provided from the bus station on Court Street at the scheduled times. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the bus terminal.

Classes will be in the usual fifty-minute length, eliminating the chapel period. Lunch will be served in dining halls at 12:05.

After the holidays, dormitories will open at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 2. The first meal will be served in the dining halls at 6 p.m. Classes will resume at 8 a.m., Tuesday, January 3.

Students are reminded that failure to attend classes on the last day preceding a college recess, or on the first day of classes after the recess will result in the deduction of one-half credit per course cut.

Porter Hospital Is Given $17,600

Middlebury College this week received a grant of $444,200 from the Ford Foundation. Announcement of the grant was made Monday in New York. The sum received by the College was part of a record $500,000,000—largest single sum of gifts in the history of philanthropy—given by the Foundation to 4,157 colleges and hospitals.

Six hundred and fifteen privately supported four-year liberal arts and science colleges were included in the grants. Four other Vermont colleges were aided by the grants: Bennington, Norwich, St. Michael's and Trinity. Porter Hospital in Middlebury was one of 22 Vermont institutions to receive grants. The hospital was given $17,600.

The grant to Middlebury was made on the basis of the College's 1954-55 payroll for instruction in the liberal arts and sciences. This major portion of the grant must be used on an endowment basis for ten years, during which time only the income may be used. This income must be allocated for salary purposes. After ten years, the principal and income may be used on an unrestricted basis.

Middlebury was also one of 126 institutions cited as having "led the way in their regions in improving the status and compensation of American college teachers." These 126 schools will all receive supplementary grants which may be used at once, either for salaries or other pressing needs.

A total of $2,039,300 was distributed in Vermont to both colleges and hospitals. The largest single grant given—five million dollars—went to New York University. Other totals: Harvard, $4,510,000 Dartmouth, $2,079,500; Williams, $849,300; Wesleyan, $894,200; Bowdoin, $509,500; Colby, $432,300; Bates, $344,300.

Carnival Play Cast Chosen

Victoria Grove '56 as Irene Livingston, Clark McCutcheon '56 as Carleton Fitzgerald and Alan Gould '56 as Sidney Black will play the lead roles in the Carnival play, "Light Up the Sky", according to an announcement made this week by James Van Wart, instructor of speech and drama.

The cast includes Virginia Davis '58 as Miss Lowell, Carolyn Breaks '56 as Frances Black, Raymond Maurice '58 as Owen Turner and Margaret Zornow '57 as Stella Livingston.

Robert MacGowan '58 will play Peter Sloan. Dewey Eitner '57 is cast as Tyler Rayburn, Richard English '58 as William Gallegher. John Halpin '59 plays a plain clothesman.

Stage manager for the show will be Roger Celler '58. David Bridges, assistant in drama, will design the sets. Rehearsals will start this Thursday and will get underway in full force after vacation, Van Wart stated.

"Light Up the Sky", a modern farce by Moss Hart, was first produced in New York about seven years ago.

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$444,200

The first reaction of the financial layman upon hearing of the Ford Foundation grants to education, announced on the front page of this week's CAMPUS, is to marvel at the astronomical figures which appear throughout the story. The second is to try to visualize this amount of money. It is impossible. Five hundred million dollars . . . Still impossible.

The grants total a new high for philanthropic finance. Never in the history of large-scale giving has a single program approached this figure. The Foundation has performed an inestimable service to American education by making the grants available, primarily to improve the status of the American college faculty member.

Another aspect of the grant to Middlebury leads us to believe that we are not quite so bad as we oftentimes like to think we are. The grants were made on the basis of the institution's record, and Middlebury was not only among the 615 to receive endowment funds for faculty salaries, but was also one of 126 colleges to receive achievement awards for acting as a leader in its area in improving the status of its faculty.

However improved this status may have been, it will be more improved within the next year when income from the College's $444,200 stipend begins arriving. Furthermore, the recent tuition increase which must be placed in faculty hands as another salary increase, will serve to decrease the differential in salaries between Middlebury and some other eastern colleges.

The grant must remain as a faculty endowment fund for at least ten years. If the College has any pretentions about being a leader in improving the status of its faculty, the endowment will remain an endowment fund long after the ten-year limitation expires.

The achievement award is unrestricted, but again, we expect that it will be put into faculty salaries. The College must remember that, although faculty salaries at Middlebury will be improved by a great deal, so will salaries at the other colleges with which we compare ourselves, all of whom received similar or larger Ford Foundation grants.

Motor cars have helped a great deal, but the final boost which will place Middlebury salaries in competition with salaries at top-rated institutions must come from the College itself.

Honor System

"We recognize self-government to be a vital aspect of our life and education. We interpret honor, on which basis our government is organized, to mean the existence of confidence in each other's respect for and adherence to the responsibilities set forth in the Constitution. We infer that these responsibilities include (1) integrity and honesty in relationships with others; (2) behavior which does not reflect discredit upon the individual nor upon the group; (3) consideration for the rights of others or for any other phase of social decorum."

This is not taken from the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, nor is it part of the Communist Manifesto, nor the Boy Scout pledge of obedience. It is the basis of the Honor System which every member of the Women's Undergraduate Association of Middlebury College endorses as a freshman and agrees then to uphold for the four-year college term.

Superficially, every woman adheres to the Honor System. In vague, general terms, every one considers themselves honorable and they are.

Assuming then that everyone is honorable, a government based on honor is naturally the most perfect system. All private codes of honor fit into the master system and government works well. This, unfortunately, does not follow. Individual codes tend to overlook the clause, "consideration for the rights of others or for any other phase of social decorum." Private systems generally overlook responsibility for others or social pressure which is, as defined by the WUA Constitution, "influence exerted by an individual or group upon a violator of the Honor System." On these two points, the honor system breaks down.

Students use their own codes to rationalize infraction of the system's code. It is easy to say, for instance, that there is no honor involved in signing in late minutes. This is not the point. Signing in late minutes is part of the system and as long as students continue to endorse the system, they are on their honor to uphold it for four years.

When a woman accepts the high ideals of the honor system, she must in the same manner accept the specific student responsibilities of it which are, as listed in the handbook, (1) to maintain quiet hours, (2) to number nights out on sign-out card in the case of freshmen, (3) to keep track of her own late permissions, (4) to list her own late minutes, (5) to automatically restrict herself upon failure to sign out, (6) to uphold the standards of conduct characteristic of a Middlebury woman while drinking.

The honor system does not only involve honor; it also involves a system, a system which is made necessary by community living. This system is student imposed and supposedly student enforced. Much discussion has gone on about honor; it is time now for some discussion of the system.

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Whose Move?

By Mark Hopkins

Given half a chance, anyone will tell you precisely the trouble with the American Liberal Arts Education. Why Johnny can't read, spell or write an intelligible sentence in English is as much an avocation with those who can do all three passingly well as why the country's going down the drain.

The one charge leveled indiscriminately against both country and system is that they've overly kow-towed to mass production and blatantly accepted a loss of quality of produce. That is, more Fords and students can be turned out cheaper by the lot, and they just don't make them like they used to.

The point, of course, is that the system of liberal arts education hasn't any intention of producing students like they used to. What a liberal arts education does produce is a plethora of dissertations alternately exalting and degrading students, professors, curriculum and the system, and written by students, professors and occasionally politicians, educators, free-lance writers, and maybe an archeologist or two. . .

Well-Rounded

But on the side, liberal arts schools are doing a number of other things, primarily molding well rounded young men and women. This primary other thing receives approximately the same amount of indifference as the theory that man and ape have common ancestory. But the vagueness of the molding process motivates a shrugged-shoulder response to the question, "A Liberal Arts Education—What?" and it also leads the imagination to picture educators hitting the field with the battle cry "Let's mold!" echoing after them.

The quandry of the liberal arts education eventually., because of lack of best-selling definitions, becomes symbolized in the college or university itself. It becomes proportionally better as the institution's buildings are more plentiful, the ivy sturdier, and the campus quainter. Sweep these aside, leaving the professor and the students in open forum, and the Education becomes a pretty shoddy one.

Emphasis

The pro's and con's of this attitude emerge in the debate of Plant Expansion versus Academic Emphasis. By the time a Liberal Arts Education has evolved to this dilemma, professors and students are looking quizzically at one another, administrators are looking quizzically at professors, professors at trustees, educators at students, trustees at administrators and someone says, "They do it differently in Europe," which may be precisely the trouble with the American Liberal Arts Education.

Campus Gets Inside Forest At Dormitory Open House

By Richard Woodworth

The invitations arrived last week and were posted in fraternity houses and men's dorms. Sunday afternoon the big day came and various elements from the men's campus sauntered across College Street up to the open doors of Forest East and West.

Once inside the building, the sky was the limit. Formal and informal tours were made throughout the dorm, and the senior women were most congenial hostesses at their annual open house.

Upstairs, the doors of some rooms were open, others were closed. We curiously looked inside the rooms with open doors, and once in a while one of the closed doors was opened and a face peered out to survey the situation. Then the door was closed again.

What went on behind the closed doors is unknown. But within those rooms that remained open, various incidents were taking place. When walking past one room, we and others were invited to stop. Entering into semi-darkness, we found quite a party going on. But soon the atmosphere became too smoky, so we thanked the hostess and left for another.

We came to a door that bore a sign "Sane Sex Life," but not wanting to interrupt, our group passed on. Other doors had decorations that were in more of a Christmas spirit. Besides the many wreaths and candy canes, one door had a holiday mobile decoration saying, "Let's make merry." There was a line waiting there.

The insides of the rooms were furnished with regard to more year-around practicality. Each had a couple of comportable chairs, and the usual book cases, desks, dressers, and beds. Besides the customary bulletin boards, pictures, and stuffed animals, one room even had a bearskin rug with a ferocious face, which provided the one sour note to an otherwise auspicious welcome.

Continuing our unguided tour from one end of the dorm to the other, we turned a corner and saw in the foreground two girls that beckoned us onward. Without hesitation, they asked "Won't you come in?" We entered, hesitating momentarily. Inside the room, the atmosphere was not particularly conducive to conversation. Not knowing our hostesses, we asked their names and followed with other questions. "How many girls are in a room?;" "two in a suite." "Is this the typical arrangement?;" "usually two rooms with a demi-john between." The latter sounded interesting, so we got up for a look. The "demi-john" was equipped with only a washbowl, which one of the group remarked didn't look "too comfortable."

By that time, it was approaching five o'clock and we thought we'd better go down to the living room for a cup of coffee. After all, that's what we came for!

Bookstore Buys Used Textbooks

Buying of used textbooks in the College Bookstore at prices listed in the Barnes and Noble Co. used-book catalogue will continue through tomorrow, according to Leroy Knight, purchasing agent of the College.

Under the buying plan now in effect, Knight said, the bookstore used in clasess next year for resale will keep those texts which will be to students. Others will be sold to the Barnes and Noble Co. at the prices quoted in the catalogue, Knight stated.

He said the company has been the only authorized book-buying concern which has operated at the College, and stated that the prices offered by Barnes and Noble are the highest available.

Last summer the bookstore bought a supply of used texts for sale of students, and Knight said the program was very successful. He stated that student sales of books to Barnes and Noble had totaled more than $1,500 last winter and more than $2,500 in June. This year the bookstore will again buy used textbooks in June.

Bermas Dies In Car Crash

Byron Bermas, 21-year-old Middlebury College senior, died last Tuesday of injuries sustained when the car which he was driving struck a tree on Route 30 in Cornwall. Five other occupants of the car were seriously injured.

Bermas, a varsity hockey player and member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, died at Porter Hospital in Middlebury a few hours after the early-morning accident.

In Porter Hospital with serious injuries are Robert Vuillet, 22, Joseph Manson, 21, Robert Keating, 19, and Gerald Lenz, 19. Another occupant of the car, a 1952 Chevrolet, is at Mary Fletcher Hospital in Burlington. He is William Ryan, 19.

The Boston University-Middlebury hockey game, scheduled for last night, was cancelled at news of the fatal crash. Three of the six men were members of the varsity hockey team.

Samuel S. Stratton, president of the College, stated that "the recent tragic accident must make all of us keenly aware of the problems which result from permitting students to possess and drive automobiles at Middlebury. For the protection of the lives and health of our students, it is obvious that we must continue to appraise the conditions under which they may be privileged to operate motor vehicles at Middlebury." He added that he has "confidence that all concerned would cooperate in the attempt to improve the situation which confronts us."

The following is a letter prepared by the president, deans, and chaplain of the College regarding last Monday's fatal automobile accident.

"The tragic death of Byron Earl Bermas of the Class of 1956 and the injuries to five of his friends have brought sadness to our entire College Community at this normally joyful season. To the parents of Byron Bermas nothing can be said that can assuage their grief although they have the deep sympathy of all who knew their son and all students who mourn the loss of a fine Middlebury man and athlete. In behalf of the College we extend to "Buff" Bermas' family our heartfelt sympathies."

The letter is signed by President Samuel S. Stratton, Dean Harris Thurber, Dean Fred Neuberger, Dean Elizabeth Kelly, and Chaplain Charles Scott.

Abernethy Lecture

John Ciardi, poet and director of the Breadloaf Writer's Conference, will deliver the annual Abernethy Lecture on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Admission to the lecture, given in memory of the founder of the Abernethy Library, will be free.

1923 Christmas Message

The following was taken from the December 1955 issue of "American Forests" a magazine edited by James B. Craig. Craig is the son of Mrs. Gertrude Craig, housemother at the Atwater House. "The first national Christmas message, treeside, was placed on press wires in 1923 when Calvin Coolidge lighted up a giant fir cut in the heart of the Green Mountains and sent to him from Middlebury College, Vermont."

Wiggin Scholarship

A four-year full tuition scholarship to be awarded to a freshman begininng with the academic year 1956-57 has been established with funds granted by the Albert H. and Jesse D. Wiggin Foundation, according to President Stratton. Mr. Wiggin was a former trustee of the College.

Town Hall Manager Tells Of 19 Years In The Movies

By Ann Boyer

"In 19 years of managing this theater," said Kenneth Gorham somewhat wistfully, "I have never gone in there and sat right through a picture. I'd go in and sit down for three minutes and I'd have to go up to the balcony or out in the hall and quiet some of the college boys. So I just stand in here where I can keep an eye on things."

We are standing in Gorham's office, a little closet off the ladies' room of the Town Hall theater, a tiny room with paper-stacked shelves across one side and a littered counter across the opposite one. Gorham had been leaning his elbows on this counter checking something over with a pencil when we had knocked. The only stool was piled with lists and ads.

Vacation

"Not that I wouldn't want to watch," he added. "I'd go if I was on vacation." He showed us a little eye-level door through which he could watch the movie from his office. Another window, not quite obscured by tacked-up notices, looked out into the lobby.

He told us he began managing the Town Hall 19 years ago when the business was suggested to him by the town trustees. He had been in local shows around town and had liked it. "I was running a market at the time," he said, "and I didn't see how buying pictures could be so much different from buying so much fruit or vegetables or meat."

We asked him how a small town like Middlebury can get the top foreign films we do. He showed us what he had been doing when we came in. He had several checklists of movies on the counter. "I keep up with the New York papers, too," he said, "and sometimes the professors tell me about good foreign pictures. Here's one Mrs. Cook said was pretty good if I could get it."

Supply and Demand

Actually it seems to be pretty much a matter of supply and demand. Foreign films, he told us, usually will not pay their way anywhere else than in a college town. But even Burlington, he pointed out, can not support foreign films as Middlebury does, "Alec Guinness is the big draw," Gorham commented. "Everybody everywhere wants him."

He explained the system whereby he and the manager of the Campus theater split the movie companies. He gets movies from six major companies through distributing agents in Boston and salesmen who visit Middlebury about once a month. Companies usually want him to play the best films on a run including a Saturday or Sunday night in order to realize the most profit. They also, he said, expect him to buy and show all their pictures, "good and not so good." Mr. Gorham said he tries to schedule the best ones for Sunday night when the most college students come.

Mr. Gorham himself is a Middlebury graduate, class of '18. He says he doesn't remember much moviegoing in his college days. "But I do recall we had legitimate shows, and we threw things at the stage here, too. Just didn't know better."

We thanked him for his time and help. He took our coat off the hook in the ladies' room next to his office and held it for us. Then he stopped. "Would you like to go in and watch the rest of the picture? he asked. We explained about our editor waiting for the article up on the hill. "Sure, I understand. Well, any time you want to talk with me, I'd really like to talk that problem over. You come on down." Somewhat reluctantly we left the warm but empty lobby and started the long cold walk back up the hill.

Pins And Rings

Recently engaged were William Porter, Tufts '51, to Barbara Worfolk '56.

Recently pinned were Laurence Dietter '55 to Susan Mansfield '56.

Entine Is Vermont Rhodes Applicant

Alan Entine '56 was nominated as one of the two Vermont candidates for the Rhodes Scholarship after interviews held at the University of Vermont Dec 7. In competition with 11 other New England candidates at the regional board of the Rhodes Scholarship national conference, in Boston, Entiné was eliminated last weekend.

One of 96 such candidates in the nation, Entine filed application for the scholarship with Reginald Cook, professor of American Literature and secretary for the Rhodes Scholarship Committee.

The state board which selected Entine for the competition at Boston consisted of five men, professors, lawyers and businessmen, all of whom are Rhodes Scholars with the exception of the chairman. Following the interview, he was notified of his appointment. Each state is allowed a quota of two candidates.

Four New England students were chosen at the final competition on Dec. 10. The interviewing board at Boston was composed of a representative from each of the six New England state committees and a chairman.

A student is qualified to compete in a given state if he is a resident or is attending college in the state. The Rhodes Scholarships were established in 1903 under the will of Cecil Rhodes, British colonial explorer, statesman and administrator. The scholarships send 32 American students and 34 men from the British Commonwealth to Oxford every year.

Entine is a political science major, a member of Alpha Tau Omega, a student adviser, and a dean's list student. He is a member of Blue Key, the varsity debate team, and president of WRMC. He is coordinating publicity chairman for this year's Winter Carnival and is on the policy board of the conference.

Jumping Juniper Is Title Selected For '56 Musical

"Jumping Juniper" has been selected as the title of the 1956 Midd-Time Varieties musical, it was announced this week by John Kettell '56, director, and Marjorie Robbins '56, secretary-treasurer.

The show, written from a synopsis submitted by Peter Honegger '58 and Chrisholm Gentry ex-'58, has been revised and rewritten by the staff.

The plot of the show is concerned with Greenwich Village society during prohibition. Illegal gin and other complications provide the musical's situation.

The staff of the Variety Show, besides Kettell and Miss Robbins, includes Gary Lott '56, production manager; Phillips Terhune '56, assistant production manager; Edward MacDowell '56, musical director; Jean Lobban '57, costumes; Walter Thompson '56, electrical director; Virginia Davis '58, properties; Peter Honegger '58, choreography; and Roger Sturtevant '58, lyrics.

The show will be presented April 26 and 28, Kettell said.

Scholarship Announcements

A file of announcements of scholarships, prizes and graduate opportunities for Middlebury students will be placed in the reserve room of the Library, according to John G. Bowker, dean of the faculty.

Delayed Rushing Is Adopted In IFC

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The IFC rushing committee will begin next semester on a study of rules regarding the first semester in respect to freshman-fraternity relationships, length of a second semester rushing program, when it should be held during the semester and the projected social program. The committee will also investigate rushing systems at other colleges which operate on the deferred basis.

Lawson said the program represents the first radical change in fraternity rushing during the 113-year history of fraternities at Middlebury. The Interfraternity Council has been in existance more than 80 years, he added.

"The second semester program," Lawson said, "is designed to place more emphasis on the freshman's adjustment to life at Middlebury, to improve the academic average of freshmen, and to foster increased interest in class spirit."

Lawson also stated that, according to President Stratton, the College has agreed to adopt the plan proposed by the IFC under which the College would withhold diplomas and transcripts from delinquent fraternity bills. The program, fostered by the IFC, will be administered by the Council through the College financial offices.

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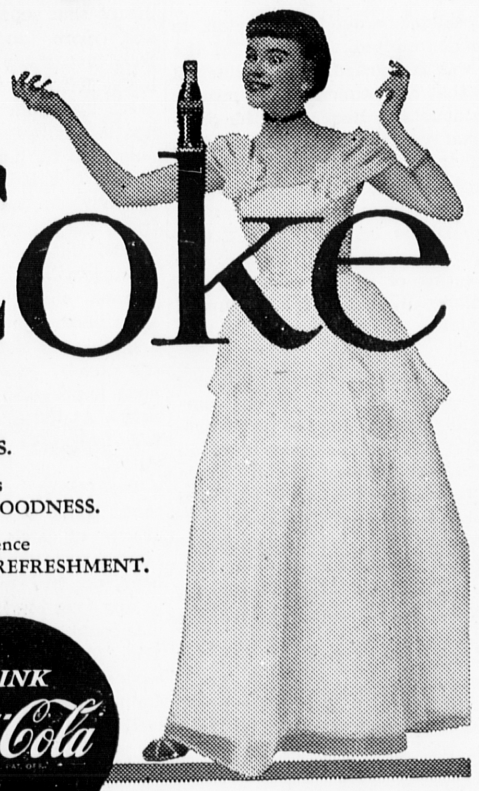

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Midd Blanked By Harvard Six, 3-0, In Cambridge Game

By Joe Mohbat

The Middlebury hockey squad dropped its third decision in four games last Saturday afternoon at Cambridge, Mass., when the Crimson of Harvard blanked the Panthers, 3-0, in a hard-fought match.

Last night: Boston University game was cancelled after news of the death of Panther goal fender Byron "Buff" Bermas.

The Harvard contest was actually decided within the first five minutes of the game, when the Crimson pushed two goals past Panther goalie Ken Farrar within 36 seconds of each other, Middlebury battled the fiercely fighting sextet from Cambridge on even terms for the next 33 minutes, until Bob McVey, a sophomore, who in his high school days was all-Connecticut and all-New England for Hamden High School, knocked in a nifty shot from 20 feet out in the eighth minute of the final stanza.

Terry O'Malley had opened the games scoring, pushing one by Farrar at 3:50, and was followed at 4:26 by John Copeland's light-flasher. One of these was with the Panthers a man down. Assists on these first two were by Bob Cleary, who stood out for the Harvards all afternoon.

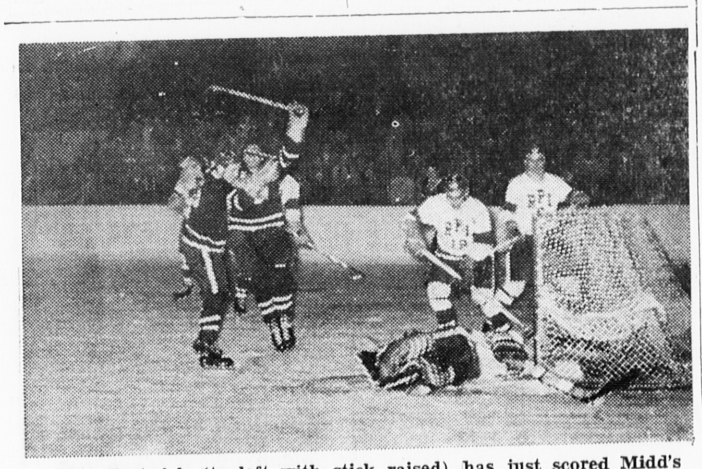
The Panthers played a stout defensive game, skated hard, and hustled throughout; again Midd accumulated a large number of penalties, and it takes six men to play effective hockey, especially against a team of Harvard's calibre.

Captain Ron O'Keefe and Mac Binning were hot up front, but just couldn't find the range with their shots. Rollie Schopp shone on the defense, and Ken Farrar was outstanding in the nets, turning back 20 shots. The officiating was rather shabby.

The scheduled game with Boston University was postponed indefinitely day before yesterday after the tragic automobile accident which took the life of goalie Buff Bermas and seriously injured defensemen Jerry Lenz and Bill Ryan. Both these men may be out for the rest of the season due to the serious nature of their injuries.

However, the Panthers will make the trip to Boston to play Northeastern Saturday night. Ken Farrar will definitely be in the nets against the Huskies but Coach Nelson faces the problem of having only two regular defensemen, Rollie Schopp and Jim Withim.

For his second defense, Duke will probably have to choose among Mac Binning, Alex Carley, and Hugh Marlow, but none of these choices are definite at the moment.



Pete Bostwick (to left with stick raised) has just scored Midd's third goal in the second period of last week's RPI encounter at the Field House. On the ice in front of the nets is Engineer goalie John Stopen, while Engineers Dick Chiarelli (19) and Pete McArthur (6) look on. RPI won the game, 7-4.

Fair Or Foul

By O. S. Morton

For some time now, rumors have circulated around Burlington to the effect that the University of Vermont wanted to get out of the Yankee Conference, as far as football was concerned. The principal reason given for the proposed move was that the other member schools were simply getting too big for the Catamounts to handle on the gridiron. The whole thing came to a head last week when UVM President Dr. Carl Borgmann publicly announced that Vermont would like to stay in the Conference in all sports except football. This announcement immediately drew opposition from the other members (Massachusetts, Maine, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island) who felt that UVM should schedule contests in all sports within the conference or get out altogether. Then, following a meeting of the member college presidents in Boston last Saturday, publicist Bill Stearns announced that Vermont would remain in the Conference and schedule its regular number of three league opponents next fall.

Actually you can't blame the other five state universities for wanting the Catamounts to stay in the Conference in all sports or get out completely. Since schedules have already been made up for the 1956 football season, the removal of Vermont would have left an open date on the slates of three of the schools—Maine, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. And at this point, it would require a lot of extra work and bother for these teams to fill the vacant spots. Then again, you can't blame Vermont for wanting to drop Conference foes from their schedule since the Cats were soundly thumped by all three teams last fall, losing 54-15 to Massachusetts, 34-0 to Maine, and 16-0 to Rhode Island. It's pretty obvious that Vermont's reason for wanting to quit the Conference is well-grounded.

After the 1953 football season, Middlebury went through with a similar move in dropping Tufts and Trinity from its schedule. Tufts had beaten the Panthers 47-6, and the next week Trinity rolled to a 33-7 victory over Midd down at Hartford. The next year, Middlebury defeated Colby and RPI, the two schools who filled the vacant slots, and beat them both again this past fall. Tufts had two good seasons following their removal from Midd's schedule, and Trinity went undefeated during both of these years. Thus, the Panthers played four games with opponents closer to "their own league", won them all, and the games were certainly more closely contested and interesting to watch than had they been against Tufts and Trinity, both of whom would have undoubtedly beaten Middlebury each year.

Frosh Quintet Nips Johnson

By Ed Ferman

Midd's freshman cagers, directed by John Castelli, have a 1-2 record after this first week's action. The seven man squad, composed of Dick Polzello, Ted Mooney, John Freeman, Pete Watson, Hoop Carbine, Dave DeSerio, and Don Ryan, knocked off Johnson Teachers in between losess to the Union Frosh and Kimball Union Academy.

The Union game saw the Panther cubs at a slight height disadvantage, as the Dutchmen boasted a couple of boys well over the six and a half foot mark. Despite a fine performance by Polzello, who dropped in 20 points, 12 from the foul line, Union walked off with a 62-50 decision.

Midd edged Johnson Teachers in their next game, 63-59. Ted Mooney scored almost half the Frosh total as he put in eight field goals and 15 of 18 from the charity stripe for a total of 31 points. Polzello turned in another good game, rebounding well and scoring 16, while Freeman also hit double figures with 10.

Saturday saw the Freshman drop a close verdict to K. U. A., 57-52. Down by 18 at the ten minute mark, the cagers closed the gap to eight by halftime and nearly caught up in the final moments. However, the visitors were able to hold off Midd and pull out the game. Freeman was top man for Middlebury, scoring 14 points. Ryan played a fine floor game and ended up with 10 points. Mooney also had 10 for the losers.

The Freshman resume their 12 game schedule when they tackle Vermont on January 11. Their next home game will be January 19 when they take on Williams.

Ski Patrol Helps Injured Skiers; Conditions Bowl

With the installation of the Poma lift at the Snow Bowl, big time skiing came to Middlebury. This means that superior unhill facilities and more and better trails will lead to a sharp increase in skiers, both from the college and local areas, and from out of state. Needless to say, we are all pleased not only with the improved skiing conditions but also the prestige and the obvious public relation value to be gained from these improvements. But there is one aspect of running a succesful ski area which remains unnoticed by the average skier. Someone must assume the responsibility for the condition of the trails, controll skiing, and most important, the safety of the skiers. At the Snow Bowl this task falls to the Middlebury College Ski Patrol.

Too many casual Middlebury skiers think of our ski patrol as a group of fairly good skiers who wear ostentatious looking red cross belts, ski free, and manage to cut in any long tow line. Such a prejudice could not be further from fact. The Middlebury patrolman is a secure skier who has been especially trained to care for any accident victim injured on the mountain. He can administer on the spot first aid and supply downhill transportation for a skier suffering from any skiing injury. He must ski certain trails at certain times always being watchful for the injured skier, the neophyte in difficulty,

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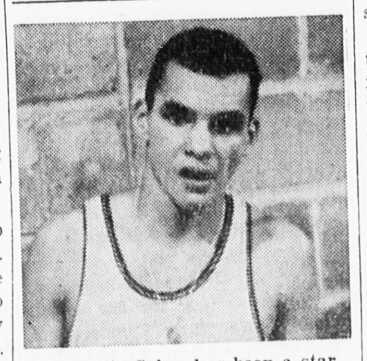
Panther Cagers Whip Union, St. Lawrence By 70-54, 80-60

The Middlebury Panthers roared to their second straight victory of the 1955-56 season last Friday night scoring 80 points, 20 more than St. Lawrence, in an impressive exhibition of both offensive and defensive play. The Lupienmen faced stiffer competition than had been presented two days earlier by Dick Ciccollela's Union delegation but played even better basketball, showing some of the best shooting ability a Middlebury audience has seen.

Middlebury (80)	FG	FT	TP	PF
Sykes, f	4	11	19	2
Anfindsen, f	8	1	17	4
Hart, c	4	9	17	5
Hoops, g	6	2	12	3
Greer, g	2	0	4	2
Wagner	4	0	8	0
Rausa	0	2	2	0
Evans	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	24	80	16

St. Lawrence (60)	FG	FT	TP	PF
Saunders, f	4	6	14	3
Butts, f	4	1	9	3
Grimaldi, c	5	0	10	5
Lausin, g	3	3	9	1
Almela, g	0	3	3	2
Marcott	3	2	8	2
Green	0	0	0	1
Walsh	2	0	4	2
Moynihan	0	0	0	0
Maxwell	0	0	0	0
Geppert	0	0	0	0
Barry	1	1	3	1
Waverly	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	16	60	18



Charlie Sykes has been a star performer for Tony Lupien's cagers during the past two years and bids for his best season this winter. The six-foot, three-inch forward has scored 41 points in the Panthers' first three games and has impressed with his great all-around play.

Middlebury ran into a zone defense Wednesday night against Union but a combined effort of shooting, especially from the outside, provided the necessary scoring punch. Cy Anfindsen, Jim Wagner and John Hoops were consistent from the outside while Charlie Sykes and Tom Hart handled the bucket area. Middlebury's shooting percentage for the evening was over 33 percent.

The teams left the court at half time with Union eight points behind Midd's total of 30. The last twenty minutes, however, saw the Panthers double the lead to win the game 70 to 54. Captain Tom Hart led the scoring with 19 points, many on tap-ins. Sykes, Hoops and Anfindsen had 15, 12, and 9 respectively.

Friday nights' engagement at the Memorial Field House brought into town a fast St. Lawrence team, lacking in height but making up for the deficiency in hustle and aggressiveness.

The Panthers posted an early lead as Cy Anfindsen and John Hoops hit from the outside and Tom Hart and Charlie Sykes collected points from in close, and especially on the foul line. Between the two of them they scored 20 markers from the fifteen foot stripe. Middlebury maintained an early lead and kept a four or six point margin throughout the middle part of the game to finally pull away in the remaining few minutes, gaining a twenty point spread. Del Saunders threw in 14 points for the visitors while Lou Grimaldi sank 5 field goals for ten points.

It would be difficult to single out an individual performance in the game, but one man, John Hoops, played nothing short of tremendous ball all evening and proved to be the sparkplug in Middlebury's engine. The diminutive guard from Metucheon, New Jersey, was the shortest man on the court but scored 13 points completing successfully six out of ten attempts for field goals. He stole the ball several times and seemed to hit the nets just when the the Panther effort needed an extra lift. Hoops has been consistent in three games so far, scoring 16 in the opener, 12 against Union, and the 13 against St. Lawrence.

Captain Hart again provided the thrills as he grabbed rebounds off both boards, getting 38 in all, and 17 points in addition. Charlie Sykes also played his usually steady game hitting for 19 points to lead all scorers for the night. Charlie's all-around play proved once again that he is probably one of New England's most underrated basketball players.

Wagner Contributes Eight

Jim Wagner and Scotty Greer alternated with Hoops in the back court and were instrumental in setting up the many scoring opportunities.

Ken's Query

By Ken Farrar

Although decrepit with age and showing signs of baldness, I still manage to knock 'em into the stands and tie 'em up when necessary. A blue line defender for years, I have just about reached the end of the trail due to senility and old man with the sickle. I think I'll resort, in the future, to a warmer climate and one that is a little more **cheer**-ful. When I graduate next spring, if I can manage to get out of the wheelchair long enough. I'll be the only one of my kind in the class. After each long, hard day, that seems never to end, I find restful repose at the Vets Villa, or wherever my wanderings take me. Who am I?

Answer to last week's query:

If all you mental giants came to the conclusion that Ronnie O'Keefe was the answer to the first query you were completely right.

Now with the US Olympic Alpine ski team in Austria are Bobo Sheehan, above, coach and Les Streeter, an outstanding four event man and star Panther skier for the past four years.

Olympic Skiers Move To Austria

Because the sun is melting the snow, and the tracks are no longer fit for the slalom runs, Bobo Sheehen and the rest of the US Olympic ski team left their 10,500-foot-high training site at Cervinia, Italy.

The Americans were scheduled to stay at Cervinia until December 20. They spent the night of December 8 in Milan, and moved on to the Vorarlberg region of Austria the next day.

Bush League

By Wayne Williamson

Another smart week of wild and heated action has been concluded at Memorial Feild House. As of the time of this writing, DKE and SPE were all tied up for first place honors with two wins against no losses.

SPE started the week's combat off again the gentlemen from the ATO house. They had little trouble putting the blocks to ATO's hopes, the final score being 45-19. Hammond and Travis pumped in 6 apiece but couldn't hold Sig Ep's Milt Peterson who burned up the cords for 23 markers. C. C. Smith gave Milt a hand by hitting for 6 himself. However it was a horse of a different color when they met DU, who has talent to burn in the B-ball League. The game was played to a packed house and was nip and tuck right down to the wire. Despite DU's big bench, the Sig Ep's were tough under the boards and ended up on the top of the mountain 29-23. "Jolly Cholly" Smith was high man with 10 and Bob Brower kicked in with 6 more. Peter "my dog can lick your dog" Coe and Harpp each had 6 for DU. After that game it looks like SPE is the team to beat this season.

Dekes Win Twice

DKE pounced on the hapless ATO's and handed them a 46-14 loss. Mr. Outside Jim McCann accounted for 12 of the 46 and Mr. Inside Spider Redman hooped in 11. ATO's Travis took care of most of his clubs scoring with 8 points. For their 2nd win DKE topped Phi Sig 35-29. McCann was good like Nedicks for 14 points and Redman netted 7. Nims and Wemmerus had 14 and 9 points for PS. Danko Brautigam, known as a big passer for the last 4 years, was no end of help to the DKE brothers in that contest.

The boys from the Ranch House took it on the nose for two this week. DU paced by Coe with 18 and Mentor with 10 piled up 66 points to 17 by KDR who were led by Dick "Mumbles" Booth with 6. Their next game saw PS top them 29-22. Nims flipped in 17 and Wilder scored for 8. Van Schaick hit for 8 and Jones 5 for the losers.

Independents

A newly formed team called the Independents took two this week, beating the Profs 39-25 and PKT 32-31. As far as the Faculty was concerned, the Army led the way with Adcock and DuPont each hitting for 6 points. Montgomery and Schosberg hit for 16 and 13 respectively. Montgomery poured in 9 and Von Bargen 8 as they squeeked by the Phi Kap's. Hall and Moody each had 8 for the losers.

ASP won one and dropped one in their first two encounters. Chi Psi, behind O'Malley and Scriggins with 8 points each, outlasted ASP with Norm Baier 11 and Krugman 8. The final tally was CP-29, ASP-23. However things were much happier on South St. after the Slugs dropped TC, 47-30. Garipee was the high scorer for TC with 16. Baier and Krugmann paced the Slugs again with 18 and 12.

TC Licks AC

For their final encounter TC evened matters for their standings by licking AC, 39-13. Rappel had 9 and Bill Breed 8 for Theta Chi. Kliegman with 9 and Krynske with 4, did all the scoring for AC.

Ski Patrol Aids

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and the careless expert. He must take his turn at the top of the mountain, sitting and waiting for any signal of distress telephoned from the bottom of the hill. He must pack trails, ski when the conditions are poor, and in general be responsible for any unexpected emergency. The Middlebury ski patrolmon has little time for casual pleasure skiing.

Patrol History

The ski patrol has grown up with the Snow Bowl. Two years ago when the uphill facilities consisted of two rope tows, the patrol was adequate but relatively unorganized. Aside from the downhill trail and the chute which were seldom skied by anyone other than the ski team, the whole of the skiing area could be seen from the tow house at the base of the slope.

However, with five trails spread over the face of the mountain, the danger of unseen accidents increased considerably. Under devoted leadership of last year's President Fred Parsons and this year's head, Dike Stimson, a workable system for the regular coverage of each trail has been organized. Equipped toboggans and field telephones are to be placed at key spots on the various trails enabling a patrolman to care for an accident victim quickly and efficiently. Each patrolman on the hill has a specific job to do and all are coordinated by a daily group leader. With a patrolman at the top of the lift at all times, at the bottom of the lift at all times, and on each trail every fifteen minutes, the possibility of accidents occuring undiscovered is almost impossible. All equipment is either new or in top condition.

Member of National Patrol

The Middlebury Ski Patrol is accepting the huge responsibility of caring for you while you ski at the Snow Bowl. It is run according to the form set up by the National Ski Patrol and it is registered with that organization. The Ski Patrol is operated by the students for the students, and though it has become well organized and efficient, it requires the cooperation of each skier on the hill if it is to fullfill its responsibility successfully.

Gifts

Middlebury has received an unrestricted $2,000 gift from the Eastman-Kodak Co., and gifts of $2,500 for use in the teaching of chemistry and $1,500 for strengthening of "teaching of disciplines that contribute to the education of scientists from E. I. DuPont De Nemours and Co., it was announced this week by President Stratton.

When students receive absence warnings for daily or Sunday chapel during the final four weeks of a semester, the warning period extends through the entire following semester. Dec. 8 marked the beginning of the final four weeks of the current semester.

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Jr. Council Makes Plans For Weekend

Hugh Marlowe '57 and Nancy Brown '57 were elected cochairmen of Junior Weekend, it was announced recently by Wayne Reilly '57, chairman of the junior class council.

Junior Weekend, scheduled for April 26-29, is the major project of the council. Plans call for a tentative Intercollegiate Hum which would consist singing groups from various college.

A jazz concert in McCullough gym featuring the Old Chapel Six was the first money-making activity of the year. Tentative plans for raising funds for the future include making favors for fraternity parties and washing cars in the spring.

Officers of the Junior Council are Reilly; Heather Hamilton, vice-chairman; Richard Mirabelli, secretary; Charles Palmer, men's treasurer; and Elizabeth Linberg, women's treasurer.

Council members include Peter Askew, Robert Dorn, Derek Evans, Allen Hawthorne, Kenneth Moore, Oliver Morton, Harris Poor, Peter Read, Wyman Rolph, Dann Sargent, George Sims, John Smith, and Anthony Vallez.

Women are Nancy Berkowitz, Florence Everest, Jane Fraser, Dorothy Hiebert, Patricia Judah, Alyce Kelly, Mary LaPierre, Suzanne Linn, Elizabeth Mooney, Sandra Nelson, Helen Pagoulatos, and Carlotta Paetow.

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Survey Of Freshman Dates Yields Questionable Results

By Geraldine Raymond

Having been inspired by the numerous opinion polls which seem to typify the modern American scene and being at a loss for anything to do one day, we decided to take a very informal and highly unscientific survey on current dating habits among the freshman men. So, we lurked around the daily Stu U coffee sessions and picked out interesting faces from the freshman pictures to call. The poll was underway.

The first individual we talked to left us shaking our heads over what appeared to be unheard of new trends. We asked him whether or not he had a date for this weekend. He lowered his head and growled, "No, I have a big pre-A coming up next Thursday and I have to do some studying."

Undaunted

Undaunted, we excused ourselves and questioned another Middlebury lad who was busily reading a letter. He looked up at our question as though we had stabbed him with some dastardly insult. "I wouldn't think of going out," he replied vehemently, "I've got a girl back home." He then started some ecstatic mumblings about the rapid approach of Christmas vacation. We nodded wisely and said we would return for another poll sometime after Carnival to see how he reacted then.

Travelling to another table, we overheard three pledges trying to talk one of their number into scrounging up a date for the coming pledge dance. The poor underdog was resisting violently. It seemed that he was scared of Middlebury women and would have nothing to do with them. Apparently some girl had stepped on his foot at the freshman dance back last Sepemtber, and he was still limping.

Venturesome

We finally discovered a venturesome boy who had gotten up the nerve to ask out a freshman woman for Saturday night. He was even happy about the prospect. The next day, however, he came up to us with a distressed expression on his face and asked to be scratched from the survey because his girl had called up and broken the date. Some upper classman, we suspected. And he went off vowing, "I'll murder that dirty senior."

1956 Winter Carnival Court Is Set

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in Hepburn. He is also on the Student Life Committee.

MacDowell is president of Blue Key and a member of Waubanakee. He has worked four years on Variety Show and is musical director for this year's production. A member of Chi Psi, MacDowell has been a class officer for three years, holding the office of treasurer this year.

Murdock plays varsity football and is a member of both Blue Key and Waubankee. He is secretary of the class of '56 and a member of Delta Upsilon.

Captain of this year's hockey team, O'Keefe is skating his fourth year for the varsity. He is a member of Blue Key and Delta Upsilon.

On the women's campus, Miss Bennett is working on the carnival ice show. She is on the Women's Forum finance committee and is an active member of WAA.

Miss Case is president of WUA and vice-president of Mortar Board. Last year she was a junior counsellor and served on the Conference policy committee. She also teaches piano for Forum.

The other carnival co-chairman, Miss Donk is a member of Skyline and was vice-president of Women's Forum. She is also vice-president of Sigma Kappa and was a junior counsellor last year.

Miss Hauselmann is captain of the women's ski team this year. This is her fourth year on the team. She is also vice-president of Kappa Gamma.

Miss Hildreth is manager of the women's ski team. She is on the executive counsel of WAA and has worked four years on carnival committees. Miss Hildreth served as junior marshall last year and was a junior counsellor. She is a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Hoge is skiing for the fourth year with the women's team. Last year she was queen of junior weekend. She is a member of Players and Women's Forum.

Correction

The Spanish exam scheduled for 1-27 at 9 a.m. should be 21.1B, not 12.1B as stated in last week's campus.

Stevens Designs Winning Ticket

Carole Stevens '56 has been named winner of the Carnival combo ticket competition, it was announced this week by Phillip Ormsbee '57 and Gretchen Kraatz '56, co-chairmen of the ticket committee. Miss Stevens will receive two free combo tickets for her winning design.

The ticket is in the shape of a ski trophy. It is done in blue and white with printing on the front similar to the engraving on a trophy.

Judges for the contest were the two co-chairmen, Ormsbee and Miss Kraatz, Gardiner Barnum, '56 and Linda Donk '56, co-chairmen for the Carnival.

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